

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-77 remain pending in this application. No claims have been amended, added, or canceled by this Response.

**Provisional Statutory Double Patenting Rejection**

Withdrawal of the provisional statutory double-patenting rejection of present claims 1-77 under 35 U.S.C. §101 in view of claims 1-77 of co-pending application serial no. 10/710,948 is requested.

Co-pending application 10/710,948 has been expressly abandoned by a concurrent request filed on the date of this Response, thus rendering the rejection moot.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22171-00019-US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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